

August 2011

Notes from your Interim Pastor: Traveling

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. . . . Luke 3:4 I am the way . . . John 14:6

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit . . .? . . . Psalm 139:7

I am with you always, to the close of the age Matthew 28:20

Traveling! We are a traveling people. Even standing still we are moving with our planet earth, spinning through space, whirling around our own star, and hurtling with it through the Milky Way. We are really always on the move somewhere. Even if we think we are going nowhere, we are traveling, from place to place and always, also, from past to future. I suspect most of us will have done some vacation traveling this summer.

I mention all this, because now, together, we are involved in a special journey called an Interim. We are traveling from your most recent past under the leadership of Pastor David Pierce, through an Interim time, until your new Pastor is called.

As exciting as traveling can be – new places, new experiences, new discoveries, traveling can also be more than a little unsettling. What has been familiar, comfortable, good, gets left behind. New ways of doing things need to be learned. New ideas have to be entertained and considered. A wall in the Sanctuary? Jazz music for worship? A Pastor David who is not the David we knew best.

This Interim time is a journey . . . from where you were to where God is leading you to be. The powerful truth and promise of our faith is that God is with us where ever we go, spinning through space, or to a cabin up north, from the leadership of one Pastor to another, where ever we go we never go alone.

I am grateful for the gracious welcome you have extended to me and my wife Mary, and for the opportunity many of you have given me to break bread with you and to learn from you the story of your lives, and the story of Memorial Church and Midland. Thank you for making time to meet with me. The sign-up sheets for meeting with me are at the Allen Street entrance or you can call Lori at the Church Office.

I am very grateful for the marvelous and hardworking staff I am privileged to be associated with here at Memorial. How blessed you are with the leadership of Wally and Cathy, Patrick, Diana and Wendy, Guy and George and Adrienne, and the support of Lisa, Lori, Naomi and Yvonne, and Ivan and his custodial crew.

Together all of us are all about fulfilling the vision and mission of Memorial Church, and my prayer with you still is that we will chart a steady course, be open to new possibilities, and so ready for what new things God is calling us to be and to do.

God's blessings on us as we make this interim journey together, and as life and God calls us into the wondrous changes summer brings, and we seek to faithfully shape the future of the caring ministry of Memorial Church.

Faithfully,
David Robertson, Interim Pastor



Prayers

Care through Prayer for our loved ones in the Armed Forces:

Chaplain Major Timothy S. Moermond, United States Air Force; David Johnson, National Guard; Captain Mike Dumas, United States Air Force; Captain Jeffrey VanSickle, United States Army; Cadet Michael VanSickle, United States Military Academy; Major Tom Kapla, United States Army; Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Carothers, United States Air Force; Private Second Class Bryce E. Tunnell, United States Army; Col. Harry Tunnell, United States Army; Sergeant Michael Miner, United States Army; Second Lieutenant Justin Mishler, United States Army; SPC William S. Milford, United States Army; Chaplain – Cpt. David Kelley, United States Army Reserve; Dustin Risk, United States Army

Sympathy

Sympathy to Doug and Sue Brinklow and family in the passing of Sue's mother, June 25, 2011.

Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Doug and Sue at their home address. It is: 84 N Country Club Rd, Decatur, IL 62521-4171.

Sympathy to Robert and Beth Haller and family in the passing of Robert's father, Bradley Haller, June 27, 2011.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Jean Collar Sweet, June 7, 2011, in Traverse City. Jean and Bill Sweet are former members of Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Sympathy to Tammy Hayhoe and family in the passing of her mother Harriett Brown, July 6, 2011, at Bickford Cottage.

Sympathy to Betty Keil (Mrs. Robert) and her family on the recent passing of her sister.

Sympathy to the family and friends of former MPC member Orrin H. Barrett, July 7, 2011, in Midland.

Sympathy to Elaine Onan and family in the passing of her son Patrick Houghton Onan, July 5, 2011, in Saginaw.

Sympathy to Peter and Susan Morley and family in the passing of Peter's brother, Mark Morley, July 18, 2011, in Charlevoix.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gregory E., Jr., and Samantha Lee (Borin) McDaniel on the celebration of Baptism for their daughter Elle Hannah McDaniel in worship, Sunday, June 26, 2011.

Congratulations to Daniel L. and Charlie Cie Thrune-Lundquist on the celebration of Baptism for their daughter Hannah Lyn Lundquist in worship, Sunday, June 26, 2011.

Congratulations to Marge Cook on the celebration of her 91st birthday, June 25, 2011.

Congratulations to Dave and Marnie (Morgan) Rich on the birth of their daughter, Rhiannon Carys Rich, July 10, 2011. Also welcoming her birth is her sister Madeline. Grandparents are Jim and Judy Morgan.

Congratulations to Dave and Jean Kellom on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, July 7.

Congratulations to Ellen Lee Curtis on her celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism in worship on Sunday, July 17, 2011.

Congratulations to Ellen and Jeff Curtis on the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism for their children, Jackson Drake (J.D.), Jacob Dean (Jake), and Catherine Dayne (Cate) in worship on Sunday, July 17, 2011.

Congratulations to Mary (Dachsteiner) and John Tabor on the renewal of their wedding vows in the Chapel on June 16, 2011. A reception was held in Fellowship Hall. Mary is the daughter of Richard and Lorraine Dachsteiner and the granddaughter of Lenora Blanck.

Congratulations to Leroy and Anne Hampton on the celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary, July 11.

Staff Retreat

Please note: All staff including Clergy will be on Retreat on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 so the church office will be closed. The building will be open and a receptionist will be available at the Allen Street Lobby desk to receive phone calls.

Hospitalization Notices Encouraged

We encourage patients and family members to notify the church office of experiences of hospitalization or anticipated hospitalization if pastoral visitations are desired. We thank you for this favor. Messages also may be left during the hours the church office is closed, 835-6759.

In the News . . .

Spencer Ohare and *Andrew Wells* participated in the hiking and camping trip sponsored by Boy Scout Troops 767 and 768 to Philmont Ranch, New Mexico. *Eric Ohare* traveled as an adult leader.

Spencer is the son of Eric and Kris Ohare. Andrew is the son of Rich and Trudy Wells.

Susie Polito and the cast and crew of the Center Stage Theater production of *Urinetown* achieved second place recognition at the AACTFest '11, the national community theater competition.

Nicholas Smith has been selected to serve on the Steering Team for the 2012 Youth Leadership Program, sponsored by Northwood University. Nick is the son of Carl (Chilly) and Laurie Smith.

Emily Squires with Stepping Stones Daycare and Preschool celebrate in 2011 its 20th Anniversary. Emily as owner celebrates her 10th Anniversary.

Sally Bowen, *Alan Getzin*, and *Bobbie Arnold* serve on the Board of the newly organized Legacy Center for Community Success. The agency combines the programs of the Literacy Council of Midland County and the Legacy Center for Student Success. Richard Dolinski is the current Executive Director.

Eva Guidarini graduated from George Washington High School in Charleston, West Virginia, in the Class of 2011. She will attend Harvard University. She is the daughter of Jim and Ann Guidarini.

Mildred Putnam (Contemporary Review Club), *Elsie Misner* (Woman's Study Club), *Sylvia Bridge* (Twentieth Century Club), and other members of the seven womens' study clubs in Midland County gathered for viewing of the exhibit *VOICES: Extraordinary Women of Midland County*, at the Doan History Center. *Randi Kawakita* portrayed historical character Maggie Cunningham at the gathering.

Jean Joslyn, *Lynne King*, *Stephanie Spence*, *Alan Getzin*, and *David King* with the Camerata Singers Chamber Choir of Midland Center for the Arts presented *Sognando et Divertimento* on June 26, 2011, in the Sanctuary. *Jim Hohmeyer* is Conductor.

Rose Keeley and *Hannah Smith* with the Midland Lady Explorers 12U Travel Softball Team competed in the Frankenmuth Invitational Softball Tournament, June 27-29. Rose is the daughter of Anna (Goralski) and Charles Keeley and the granddaughter of Carol and Jack Thompson and Chris Goralski. Hannah is the daughter of Kristin Smith and Tom Smith and the granddaughter of Terry and Diane McBride. *Charles Keeley* serves as a team coach.

Susan Putnam celebrates her 5th Anniversary as Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in the Heart of Michigan, July 5, 2011.

Cameron Lippoldt and *Chaz Babin* placed first and second, respectively, in the age 14 boys' division at the 41st Annual Riverwood State Junior Golf Tournament in Mount Pleasant. Cameron is the son of Scott Lippoldt and Adrienne Wiley. Chaz is the son of Jeff and Kay Babin.

Don and Shirley Rulf have artwork accepted and on display at the Creative 360 ArtFest 55 Show, 2011. Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center) is located at 1517 Bayliss. The show runs from June 17 to August 7. One of Don's entries, "Old Warrior II" received the Best in Show Award.

Save the Date

Saturday, August 13, 2011

2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

5109 Swede Avenue

Everyone is invited—all ages are welcome

Housewarming for Rev. Cathy Chang & Mr. Juan Lopez

Directory Update

New Address: Jim and Karen Sheppard; 1621 Clark Court, Greenville, Michigan 48838

Big Tent, Small World:

Presbyterian Connections at their Finest

From Thursday, June 30 through Saturday, July 2, I joined over 1700 Presbyterians at the PC (USA) Big Tent conference in Indianapolis. Participants could take advantage of workshops from nine different conferences: Clergywomen Institute/Young Women's Leadership, Evangelism and Church Growth, Healthy Ministry Conference, National Elders Conference, National Multicultural Church Conference, Peacemaking Conference, Presbyterian Communicators Network National Conference, Racial Ethnic and Immigrants Convocation, and World Mission Matters.

Lake Huron Presbytery sent nearly 30 elders and ministers to this conference. It was good to represent the presbytery and especially Memorial Presbyterian Church, at this conference. DID YOU KNOW? This year is the 20th anniversary of Equal Exchange, the provider of that delicious chocolate, coffee and tea that many of us enjoy. In celebration of this milestone, Equal Exchange has recognized the top 25 U.S. congregations (out of 1400) that purchases goods from the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Memorial Presbyterian Church is one of these top 25 churches—we have the certificate of recognition to prove it! Many thanks to Betty Chenoweth and the Café Montreat youth for their ministry with this Presbyterian Coffee Project.

So many opportunities, so little time: at first, I participated in the opening luncheon and workshops related to women's ministries and life/work balance with the Clergywomen Institute. President Emerita Reverend Dr. Cynthia Campbell, on the first day of her retirement, and the Reverend Theresa Cho, a Korean-American minister, inspired us with their words of wisdom, at the opening luncheon. Eventually, I hopped around to other workshops, specifically related to evangelism and mission. In a workshop called "From Tourism to Partnership," I learned how to foster partnerships between our churches and mission partnerships. I also learned about a new resource called "Starting New Initiatives," which guides congregations through the discernment process of exploring new ways to engage the community.

As much as I enjoyed attending these luncheons and workshops, I also valued the opportunities to connect and to reconnect with colleagues from around the country and around the world. Friends through the Young Adult Volunteer program and from seminary, now serve overseas as regional liaisons, mission co-workers, seminary administrators, and doctoral students, not to mention ministers of local congregations. Most of my connections with colleagues happen through Facebook or phone calls—but it's always good to meet face-to-face, to hear and to exchange ideas with colleagues about their respective ministries.

Under the "big tent" of the world that God has created and continues to redeem, God invites all of us to participate in mission and ministry. I invite you to join me and others at the next Big Tent conference!

In Christ,
Reverend Cathy

Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) Update:

As of July 20, 2011 the PNC has formed, nominated a committee leadership team, defined an operating structure and has met nearly every week. Most importantly the first required step in putting a notice out for a new minister was created and submitted to Presbytery. This form, called a Church Information Form (CIF), provides potential candidates with demographic information about Memorial Presbyterian Church, the roles and responsibilities of the position and desired skill set. The next step for the PNC is to begin reviewing resumes and holding telephone interviews. If you have any suggestions for possible candidates, please let one of the PNC members know. Your PNC members include: Ben Brookens, Cindy Block, Sally Bowen, Linda Drimalla, Mary Ann Gilbert, John Kennett, Tom O'Brien, Tracé Rashid, Cheryl VanderWeele, and John Waechter.

Organ Project Update/Sanctuary

The new wall in the sanctuary, which protects the nave from dust and dirt, remains until mid-October. We will regain the use of our chancel then, and worship as before through Advent and Christmas. Beginning in mid-January, we'll move our worship into Fellowship Hall to enable the installation of our new organ, returning to the sanctuary before Easter.

Concert Features Organ Pipes

The Camerata Singers Chamber Choir of Midland Center for the Arts presented *Sognando et Divertimento* in the Sanctuary on June 26, 2011. Conductor Jim Hohmeyer created an original arrangement of *Amazing Grace* in memory of Dr. Kent S. Dennis, Organist Emeritus, and the Austin Organ, 1953-2011. Pipes from the organ were played manually to highlight remembrance of the organ's 58-year service to the congregation and the community.

Benevolent Giving Continues

On behalf of the Session and congregation, the Outreach Committee of the Board of Deacons allocates benevolent gifts for community outreach. Recent gifts include a grant to Midland County Habitat for Humanity. Office Manager Marlane Davis writes, *Through your generosity, our work in Midland County continues to make a difference – one home at a time.* Another community recipient is the Salvation Army. Captain Matthew O'Neill, Corps Officer and Pastor, responds, *Your support of the SHARE day camp means so much to our mission here and to the children we serve. Thank you for your part and willingness to serve. God bless you this day.*

Presbyterian Parent Cooperative Preschool is seeking a Teacher

The Presbyterian Parent Cooperative Preschool (PPCP) located at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Midland is looking for a **teacher** for the three year old/toddler program. Applicants must possess all required credentials and undergo a background check. Please send your resume to jtwgedwards@charter.net. Questions may be directed to Jennifer Shephard, PPCP/MPC Liaison, at 989-708-1156. Thank you.

Session Assists Community Project

In an expression of self-development within the Midland community, the Session by recommendation of the Advance Concepts Committee provided a grant of \$8,000 to the Caregiving Network, Inc. designated to the initiation of the Circle Area Community Garden Project. The Garden will be established on property donated by the family of Stuart Bergstein in cooperation with the City of Midland. The neighborhood garden will be administered by neighbors in the Circle Area in consultation with community leaders.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Summer Board Games will continue through most of the month of August. We will conclude Summer Board Games on Thursday, August 25. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Small Dining Room and occasionally in Fellowship Hall. Summer Board Games will continue until the end of August.

Youth Mission Sunday is Sunday, August 7.

On this day, the youth will lead the services and share with the congregation some of their experiences about Montreat and the Spring Break Mission Trip. Please come and support our high school students.

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A special thank you to our chaperones: Pesi Kennet, Carole Smith, Kelsey Neithamer, Juan Lopez and Bret Horgen who generously gave their time and support to our youth.

Our youth who participated in this extraordinary experience are: Andrew Brookens, Ben Brookens, Katie Brinklow, Jordan Vogel, Gwynne Powell, David King, Justin Huntress, Boris Gilson, Matt Peters, Nicci Lewis, Dani Lewis, Kelsey Smith, Scott Neithamer, Nick Oriedo, Sydney Roeder, Megan Brubaker, Martha Neubauer, Kristen Kubecka, Courtney Cannon, Dani Huntress, Tyler Huntress, and Luke Wejrowski.

We look forward to Youth Mission Sunday on August 7, 2011 when we have the opportunity to share our experiences with the congregation.

Farewell Party: Come one; come all to Bret Horgen's farewell party. Bret has accepted a new position with in Hemlock Semiconductor at their new plant in Clarksville, TN. Please go to the youth page on the church website (www.mempres.org) to read the letter Brett has written explaining his decision.

The Youth Ministry team invites you to Brett's farewell party on Saturday, August 6 from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be a time of fun and laughter. Please come and join us as we wish Bret good Luck in Tennessee.

Hospitality Enjoyed

Memorial Presbyterian Church provided lodging for youth and adults participating in the Isle Royale Backpacking Trip sponsored by the Presbytery of Lake Huron. The Reverend Dale Swihart, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Fenton, is the trip organizer. The Reverend Cathy Chang, Associate Pastor, greeted the group during their stay in Midland on Sunday evening, June 17.



Invitation to Clergy Week

By invitation of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons and the *In His Service* Chapter in Midland, the Reverend Wallace Mayton, Associate Pastor, is guest for the Clergy Renewal Week at the Chautauqua Institution, in Chautauqua, New York, August 13 through August 20.

Neighborhood Project Returns

The Dow Chemical Company, Michigan Division, and Midland County Habitat for Humanity partner again in 2011 for a Neighborhood Revitalization Project. The Midland site is the vicinity of Fournie Park. We thank Nancy Kuper and the Outreach Committee of the Board of Deacons for providing lunches for volunteers participating in the project on Thursday, August 4.



Eastside Soup Kitchen Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Memorial Presbyterian Church volunteers help at the soup kitchen on the third Wednesday of each month. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Nancy Richey at 835-7058. During the summer months we leave the church at 9:30 a.m. for Saginaw and return approximately at 1:00 p.m.

Children's Ministry

Bible BLAST: We look forward to a fun-filled year with the *SPARK* curriculum coming in September. For many, you have already received your SPARK Bible but, if you have not yet received your Bible, please contact Diana or Wendy so we may have a Bible ready for you at the beginning of the Christian Education year. Watch for more information about this awesome program and how you can be a part of your child's educational experience.

Third Grade Bibles: This is a call-out for all third-graders in the fall. On Sunday, September 18 during the 10:45 a.m. service we will be presenting a special Bible to all our third-graders. If you have recently joined our church and missed this wonderful opportunity, it is not too late! Please contact us and we will make sure you get one too! Make sure to contact Diana or Wendy and assure we have the correct spelling of your name. And what would a celebration be without cake? Be sure to join us in Fellowship Hall after the service to enjoy this special time.

Family Fellowship: Well, friends, only one more month until we will be meeting again. Mark your calendars for Friday, September 9 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Let's catch up on what a wonderful summer we all had and enjoy the fellowship of a warm and friendly late summer evening. We will provide the pizza and childcare following the meal and we ask that you bring a dish to share and memories to share. R.S.V.P. to Diana or Wendy.

Sacraments Class: For all our children and a loving adult we will once again be offering Sacrament classes. The two-part series: the Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper will meet on both September 18 and 25. Both sessions will begin at 12:00 and end at 2:00. If you are in second grade or older we invite you to join us for this occasion. We will begin with a lunch in the small dining room followed by the lesson led by the Rev. Cathy Chang. Projects pertaining to the program will follow with Wendy and Diana. Please contact either of us with questions or to participate.

Movin' Up: The Movin' Up Fellowship group for fourth and fifth graders will kick off our program year on Sunday, October 9 from Noon until 2:00 p.m. We will enjoy food, friends and a little friendly competition. Be sure to mark your calendars because the next month we head off to SpringHill for the weekend, an event not to be missed. Come and find out what we are all about!

Fall Festival: On Sunday, September 11 we will celebrate the people, programs and prayers of Memorial Presbyterian Church with lunch and fun and games following the 10:00 a.m. service. Fun will be had by all. Come as listen to Guy Lynch and his band. No RSVP is required just come dressed for fun!

CE joint event kick-off: Pending



Community Effort Receives Support

The Caregiving Network with the City of Midland and Circle Area neighbors has initiated the Circle Area Community Garden Project on land donated by the family of Stuart and Ruth Ann Bergstein. The Session by recommendation of the Advance Concepts Committee approved an \$8,000 grant to the Caregiving Network for the Circle Area Community Garden Project. Tom Vander Zouwen, Executive Director, and member of the Project Executive Committee writes,

It was with great pleasure that the Caregiving Network received the grant of \$8,000 from the Advance Concepts Committee with approval of the Session of Memorial Presbyterian Church. The grant has been placed in a Restricted Fund for use with the Circle Area Community Garden. These funds will help CACG leadership to move forward with the establishment of the Garden. Soon we shall witness task being completed for this Project.

The CACG leadership is grateful to Memorial Presbyterian Church for catching the vision of the Garden as an asset to our community.

The source of the grant is the Advance Concepts Fund, a restricted fund administered by the Session.

Lou Garl serves as Chair of the Advance Concepts Committee of Session.

Operation Fun in 2011 Season

Operation Fun reports registration of 105 children for the 2011 season. Attendance during the first weeks of camp averaged 80 campers. Operation Fun is an outreach sponsored by the church through its Board of Deacons and Outreach Committee. The benevolence of the congregation through its pledge support and a grant of Session through the Advance Concepts Fund provide financial support. Operation Fun is free to residents of the north Midland County neighborhood. We are grateful for the prayers of the congregation and friends for the youth and the Operation Fun staff. Operation Fun launched a partnership among Memorial Presbyterian Church, the North Midland Family Center, and Mills Township during the 2010 season.



Greenhoe Library August Calendar, Library

Workdays:

Tuesday, August 2: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon with lunch following for Esther Frost

Tuesday, August 9: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Tuesday, August 16: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Tuesday, August 23: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Tuesday, August 30: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

All workdays take place in the Greenhoe Library.

Come Celebrate Summer in the Greenhoe Library What a good time it is to connect with God's world around us. We invite you to share the wonders of nature through our collection of books by Gwen Frostic. Take a few moments to enjoy the exquisite block print illustrations plus her thoughtful prose/verse. *Lilies of the Field* joins scripture with the amazing images and is a must read for all. We suggest a visit to her studio in Benzonia, MI where she lived surrounded by nature until her death in 2001.

Going Green

Because of budget constraints and the desire to "go green," the Communications Committee has determined to streamline the delivery of the monthly *Grapevine* newsletter. The *Grapevine* will be delivered either via the U.S. Postal Service or by email.

Of course, there will also be copies that can be picked up in the Allen Street lobby and at other locations throughout the church. We encourage each household to consider receiving *Grapevine* by email. In doing so, you will receive a link to our website on which *Grapevine* is posted.

To sign up for this service, please send your up-to-date email address to yvonneb@mempres.org. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Communications Committee

We Welcome You!

We are grateful for a summer season that for many invites relaxation, rest, and reunion among family members and friends. It is also a season for our anticipation as we look forward to our new program year in the life of the church. Always steadfast is our expression of welcome to friends and to those visiting with us through worship or through activities of the church.

As construction continues in the Sanctuary in preparation for the arrival and installation of the new organ, we increase our spirit of worship in the temporarily revised space. We are grateful for the experience of the 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday mornings in the Assembly Room in addition to our expression of praise in the 10:45 a.m. Sunday service in the Sanctuary. The construction phase poses enthusiasm for new things to come.

We enjoy similar enthusiasm in our reception of new members. Membership is celebrated through Profession of Faith and Baptism, through Reaffirmation of Faith if previously baptized, or through Transfer of Letter of Membership from another congregation. A *Welcome to Memorial* introduction to membership for interested friends will be held on Sunday mornings, September 18, 25 and October 2. We invited friends to indicate interest in membership through the Ministry of Friendship in Sunday worship, through contact with the church office, or through conversation with a pastor or member of staff. We shall respond quickly and readily to inquiries.

Our mission in August is evident through the Operation Fun summer outreach program for children in the north Midland community and through participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Project in the Fournie Park neighborhood. The Neighborhood Project is coordinated through Midland County Habitat for Humanity with volunteers from the Dow Chemical Company, Michigan Division, and from the community.

The summer awakens us to new possibilities. Thank you for your friendship in the offerings we share in our discipleship to Jesus Christ. We welcome you!

MPC YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

AUGUST 2011

Current Month and Future Month Events

Tues Aug 2nd

Summer Board
Games 1-5 pm

Thur Aug 4th

Summer Board
Games 1-5 pm

Sunday Aug 7th

Youth Mission
Sunday Services

9 am & 10:45 am

Tues Aug 9th

Summer Board
Games 1-5 pm

Thur Aug 11th

Summer Board
Games 1-5 pm

Tues Aug 16th

Summer Board
Games 1-5 pm

Thur Aug 17th

Summer Board
Games 1-5 pm

Tues Aug 22nd

Summer Board
Games 1-5 pm

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Announcements

Please check the Great Things for any new events that get planned between publications of the Grapevine. There might come a time where an event like a lock-in or off site trip might be scheduled. If this does happen, please know that these events will be published in the Great Things for at least two weeks prior to the actual event.

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